



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Transit
Administration**

National Transit Database

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To Tribal Transit Contacts:

Greetings, and welcome to the National Transit Database (NTD). You are receiving this e-mail, because you have been identified as a contact for a Tribal Transit Grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). As you already know, recipients of Tribal Transit Grants are required to provide an annual report to the NTD by 49 U.S.C. 5335. This report should be a complete report of your transit funding and operations. NTD Reporting helps FTA gather information on the state of the Nation's transit systems, and the Nation's transit needs. Information gathered through the NTD helps inform FTA's requests to Congress for funding for transit programs like the Tribal Transit Program.

Accompanying this letter is a one-page handout that answers some of the most common questions regarding NTD reporting for Tribal Transit Grant Recipients. Additionally, please know that FTA does recognize that many Tribes have limited resources, particularly in the early stages of your Tribal Transit Grant. As such, in the NTD Final Rule at 49 CFR 630.10, FTA has provided for waivers from NTD reporting for a limited period of time, if the reporting requirements would cause "unreasonable expense and inconvenience." You can apply for one of these waivers through the NTD Online Reporting System, and FTA routinely grants these waivers for anyone in their first year of reporting.

Anyhow, please review the attached document, which should help you get started, and which also includes contact information on where to get help in beginning NTD reporting. I look forward to working with all of you in completing your reports to the NTD.

Sincerely,

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